(iii) Under Macro Management Programme in districts other than those covered under the National Food Security Mission, Integrated cereals Development Programme in wheat based cropping systems is in operation.

(iv) Minimum Support Price for wheat has been increased. It was fixed at Rs. 1000/- per qtl. for Rabi Marketing Season 2008-09, involving an increase of Rs. 150/- per qtl. over the MSP fixed for RMS 2007-08. MSP for paddy for KMS 2008-09 has been increased from Rs.745 to Rs.900 per quintal for 'common' variety and from Rs.775 to Rs.930 for Grade 'A' which includes a bonus of Rs.50 per quintal.

(v) As short term measures, Government has extended the time upto 30.4.2009 for the notification issued under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 to enable State Governments to impose stock limits on wheat, rice and paddy. Import of wheat and non-basmati rice on private account has also been permitted at zero duty.

(vi) Export of rice and wheat from Central Pool of stocks has been stopped from 11th August, 2003. Export of non-basmati rice on private account has also been prohibited from 1st April, 2008.

Allocation of rice and wheat to APL/BPL card holders

1294. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation of rice and wheat to APL/BPL card holders during 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09, year-wise;

(b) whether Government has received any request from the State Governments to increase allocation and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government is taking to increase the allocation according to the demand?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The details of allocation of rice and wheat to Below Poverty Line (BPL) [including Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY)] and Above Poverty line (APL) categories are given in the Statement-I *(See* below).

(b) Requests have been received from various States/Union Territories for increase/additional allocation of rice and wheat. The details are given in the Statement-II *(See* below).

(c) Keeping in view the requests received from the States/UTs and also with a view to check prices of foodgrains in the open market, in addition to allocations of foodgrains issued under TPDS as per allocation norms, the Government has made adhoc/additional allocations (including allocations for festivals) of wheat and rice at APL rate of about 13.46 lakh tons (11.45 lakh tons wheat and 2.01 lakh tons rice) during the current year, so far. Additionally, 17.77 lakh tons of wheat have also been released under Open Market Sale Scheme to States/UTs for sale to retail and bulk consumers during the months of September to December 2008.

Statement-I

Details of allocation of Wheat and Rice under TPDS from 2004-05 to 2008-09

(Figures in lakh tons)

Year		BPL (including AAY)	APL	Total
2004-05	Rice	153.520	191.000	344.520
	Wheat	119.801	252.677	372.478
	TOTAL	273.321	443.677	716.997
2005-06	Rice	168.887	231.002	399.889
	Wheat	103.795	212.532	316.327
	TOTAL	272.682	443.533	716.215
2006-07	Rice	187.630	244.743	432.373
	Wheat	86.103	58.085	144.188
	TOTAL	273.733	302.828	576.561
2007-08	Rice	190.323	82.824	273.148
	Wheat	84.293	35.336	119.630
	TOTAL	274.617	118.161	392.778
2008-09	Rice	182.630	56.470	239.100
	Wheat*	94.140	39.510	133.650
	TOTAL	276.770	95.980	372.750

* In addition, about 17.77 lakh tons of wheat have also been released under Open Market Sale Scheme to States/UTs for sale to retail and bulk consumers during the months of September to December 2008.

Statement-II

Details of the requests received since January 2008 from the States for increase in allocation - additional monthly quantity of Rice and Wheat demanded

(Quantity in Thousand tons)

S.No.	Name of the State/UT	Rice	Wheat
1	2	3	4
1	Arunachal Pradesh	5.525	
2	Andhra Pradesh	244.593	
3	Assam	23.219	21.303
4	Bihar	19.063	65.13
5	Chhattisgarh	60.047	10

1	2	3	4
6	Goa		0.999
7	Haryana		13.301
8	Himachal Pradesh	11.482	9
9	Jammu and Kashmir	20	10
10	Jharkhand		4.032
11	Kerala	96.364	15
12	Madhya Pradesh		119
13	Karnataka	52.989	
14	Maharashtra		249.098
15	Manipur	0.461	
16	Meghalaya		0.218
17	Nagaland		4.627
18	Orissa	64.142	16.407
19	Punjab		69.318
20	Rajasthan		100
21	Sikkim		0.255
22	Tamil Nadu	73.745	11.217
23	Tripura	5.995	2.638
24	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0.301	
25	Pondicherry	2.353	
26	Uttar Pradesh	17.647	30
27	Uttarakhand	4.195	5.234
28	West Bengal	295.024	
29	Daman and Diu	0.04	
30	Andaman and Nicobar Islands		2.4
31	Chandigarh	0.225	0.450
	TOTAL	967.186	759.627

Implementation of MSP

†1295. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi